

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Please find Eight Sheets of Replacement Drawings (with changes to FIGS. 1-6, 7(a), 7(b), 8(a), 8(b), and 8(c)) attached hereto.

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending in the present application.

The Examiner has required an election in the present application between:

Group I, claims 1-14, drawn to a saddle-riding vehicle and specific heat insulator attaching structure, classified in class 60, subclass 282; and

Group II, claims 15-18, drawn to an air cleaner of a saddle riding vehicle, classified in class 96, subclass 15.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, claims 1-14.

If the Examiner persists with this Restriction Requirement, the Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application directed to claims 15-18 at a later date if so desired.

Foreign Priority Claim

The Examiner has acknowledged the Applicants' claim for foreign priority.

Information Disclosure Citation

The Examiner has not acknowledged the Information Disclosure Statement filed April 2, 2004. Clarification is requested in the next official communication.

Drawings

The Examiner has objected to the drawings as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(4). In response, FIGS. 1-6, 7(a), 7(b), 8(a), 8(b), and 8(c) and the specification have

been amended to provide unique reference numerals to each element described in the specification and shown in the FIGS.

The Examiner has objected to the drawings as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5). In response, paragraph [0064] of the specification has been amended to properly refer to band members in FIG. 9.

Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request that the objections to the drawings be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Objection to the Specification/Substitute Specification

The Examiner has objected to the specification because of informalities.

In accordance with MPEP §608.01(q), the Applicants herewith submit a substitute specification in the above-identified application. Also included is a marked-up copy of the original specification which shows the portions of the original specification which are being added and deleted. The Applicants respectfully submit that the substitute specification includes no new matter and that the substitute specification includes the same changes as are indicated in the marked-up copy of the original specification showing additions and deletions.

Because the number of amendments which are being made to the original specification would render it difficult to consider the case, or to arrange the papers for printing or copying, Applicant has voluntarily submitted this substitute specification. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request that the substitute specification be entered into the application.

CONCLUSION

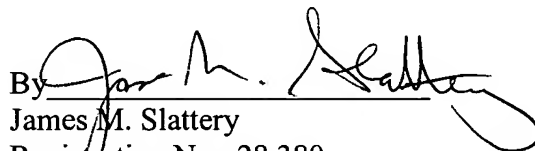
It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and that the present application is in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, he is invited to telephone Carl T. Thomsen (Reg. No. 50,786) at (703) 205-8000.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17, particularly extension of time fees.

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Attachments: Substitute Specification (Clean version)
Substitute Specification (Annotated version)
8 Sheets of Replacement Drawings